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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/521,023	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SCHULTHEISS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Rodney H. Bonck	<b>Art Unit</b> 3681	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 14, 16 and 18-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

The following action is in response to the amendment received October 25, 2007 and the request for continued examination received November 26, 2007.

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 25, 2007 has been entered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 13, 14, 16, and 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In the last two lines of claim 13, the terms "its driven shaft end" and "its driving end" lack a proper antecedent basis, and the intended antecedent of "its" is not clear. This same recitation is in claim 16.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mueller('257). Mueller discloses a device comprising a drive train having a drive wheel 40, a first clutch 60 comprising a fluid friction clutch and a drive shaft 76, which is capable of driving any of a number of accessories, including a coolant pump. The device of Mueller further comprises a second clutch, which comprises an electromagnetic clutch 48, which is connected to the drive train in parallel to the fluid friction clutch. The drive wheel 40 is a pulley having a web 96. The web, insofar as defined, can be considered a central web since it is radially centrally located relative to the belt-engaging portion of the pulley. The fluid friction clutch and the electromagnetic clutch each comprise a driving disk (92 and the axially facing web of pulley 44), which can be driven by pulley 40. The fluid friction clutch and the electromagnetic clutch are arranged on opposite sides of the web 96 and the driving disks are fastened on the drive shaft 76.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 15 and 17 are allowed.

Claims 13, 14 and 18-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Response to Arguments***

The amendment to the specification overcomes the objection to the specification set forth in the rejection of May 25, 2007. Accordingly, the objection is withdrawn.

Claims 13, 14, 16 and 18-22 are still considered to be indefinite, as set forth above in the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. With regard to these claims, however, the rejections under 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) are withdrawn. It is agreed, after reconsideration, that the drive shaft in Mueller is not mounted rotatably "in a bearing housing" that comprises a coolant pump impeller fastened to a driven shaft end.

As noted above claims 15 and 17 are allowed.

New claim 23 is anticipated by Mueller for the reasons set forth in the above rejection under 35 USC 102(b).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney H. Bonck whose telephone number is (571) 272-7089. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on (571) 272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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